

Guild for Home Communion Service

The situation that we are in as a community causes us to have to do things a little different than are normal. This week we will be taking communion together but separated. We are part of a greater body of the Church and as we normally take communion separate than the whole body we will be doing so again this week, just in much smaller parts of the body.

Below is a reminder of the purpose of why we practice this sacrament. The reverse side of this sheet has the written version of the communion service for you to use as you take communion together as your individual family. However, if you are able I would encourage you take communion together with my family on the video provided on the church website at rmnaz.com. I would love to have each of you together with us at our table to reflect together on the wonderful gift that Jesus has given each of us.

Purpose of Communion

The Communion Supper, instituted by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on the night that he was to be arrested is a sacrament. This sacrament proclaims Jesus's life, His sufferings, His sacrificial death, and resurrection, and the hope of His coming again. It shows forth the Lord's death until His return.

The Supper is a means of grace, a sign of God's love for us, in which Christ is present by the Spirit. It is to be received in reverent appreciation and gratefulness for the work of Christ.

All those who are truly repentant, forsaking their sins, and believing in Christ for salvation are invited to participate in the death and resurrection of Christ. We come to the table that we may be renewed in life and salvation and be made one by the Spirit. We do this in unity with the Church, we confess our faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We gather at this table to remember and reflect on the gift that Christ has given us. Jesus Christ, who by the Spirit was anointed to preach good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, set at liberty those who are oppressed. Christ healed the sick, fed the hungry, ate with sinners, and established the new covenant for forgiveness of our sins. We can live in the hope of His coming again.

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On the night in which He was betrayed, He took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "This is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

*Likewise, when the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Matthew 26:27-29, Luke 22:19)*

And so, we gather as part of the Body of Christ to offer ourselves to You in praise and thanksgiving. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us and on these elements. Make them by the power of your Spirit to be for us representations of your the body and blood, that we may be for the world Your ambassadors , redeemed by His blood.

By your Spirit make us one in Christ, one with each other, and one in the ministry of Christ to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, broken for you, preserve you blameless, unto everlasting life. Eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and be thankful.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, shed for you, preserve you blameless unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and be thankful.

Amen.